

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant has canceled non-elected claims 8-13. Elected claims 1-7 and 14-20 remain in the present application.

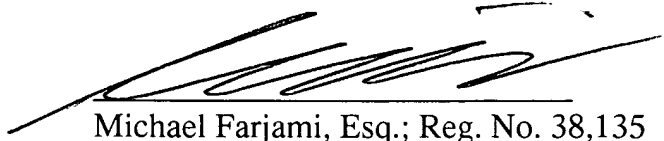
The Examiner has listed claims 8-14 and 16-20 in Group I as being drawn to a semiconductor device and claims 1-7 and 15 in Group II as being drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device. However, Applicant believes that there has been a typographical error in the Office Action and Applicant submits that Group I should comprise claims 8-13, which are drawn to a semiconductor device, and Group II should comprise claims 1-7 and 14-20, which are drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group II, i.e. claims 1-7 and 14-20, in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 17, 2004. Applicant hereby reserves its right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

According to the election made herein to prosecute claims 1-7 and 14-20 in this application, Applicant respectfully requests an early examination and/or allowance of claims 1-7 and 14-20 remaining in this application.

Respectfully submitted;

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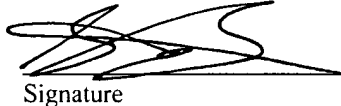
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